



Eddie, Friends Mascot

## 2019 Annual Report

Dear Friends:

What an amazing year we had! With the support of our compassionate, caring community we raised over \$400,000. Since our inception 13 years ago, we have been able to raise over \$2.5M to provide the pets at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter necessary care and prepare them for their loving, new homes.

Friends is the nonprofit committed fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. With the support of our animal-loving community, Friends funds important needs beyond what the Shelter's budget can provide. Friends helps pets throughout the Shelter with emergency medical care, dental procedures for cats and dogs with grade 3 and above dental disease, medical procedures, surgeries, therapies, parasite prevention and more. With your help, Friends joins in the Shelter's effort to ensure every pet is offered the best opportunity to find and remain in a loving forever home.

With the support of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we were able to implement two new income generating programs this year. The Board approved an informational/donation flyer that is included in the annual dog license renewal notice that is mailed out in November each year. We are also excited to announce the creation of a brick tribute garden at the front entrance of the Animal Shelter. Please visit <https://www.ffcas.org/ways-to-donate/tribute-garden/> to learn more about the garden and to purchase a brick. The brick garden is a loving way to honor a friend, family member or a pet with a permanent engraved brick.

As we worked through our 2019 annual review and report, our world changed when we were all faced with the COVID-19 pandemic and the new protocols. We reviewed our budget to minimize our expenses to ensure that our limited donation dollars are devoted to our pets at the Shelter. To that end, one of the changes we made is that we will be following the guidelines of the Combined Charitable Campaign and we will not have a full audit by our audit firm this year. Our financials are reviewed and reconciled on a monthly basis by Jones & McIntyre, PLLC and they prepare our monthly financial reports. The reports are reviewed monthly by our board and the Animal Shelter Director. They have created an unaudited statement of activities of our financial health for our 2019 annual report.

Since 2006, our all-volunteer board has strived to help fulfill many of our Shelter's outstanding needs. With our Board, small staff and volunteers we continue to work as a team to increase awareness of the wonderful pets waiting to be adopted at the Shelter through community outreach, newsletters, social media and events.

We continue to be so grateful for the generosity and support of our community. Your donations have made a huge difference to countless Shelter pets, including our beloved Friends mascot Eddie.

Thank you for kindness.

Warm Regards,

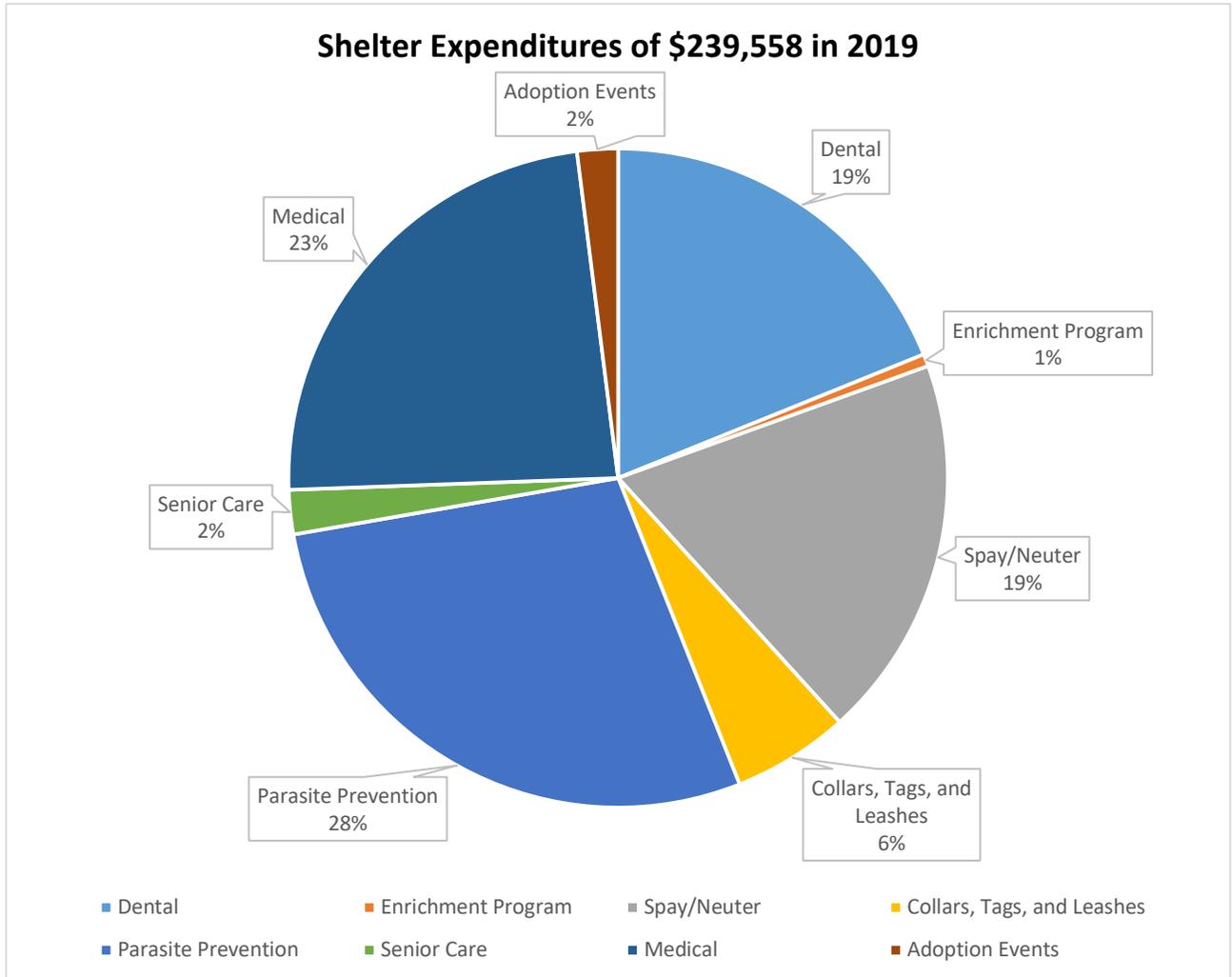
President, Co-Founder

## 2019 Program Highlights

Since 2006 Friends has been the 501(c) (3) nonprofit fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. By funding emergency medical care, parasite prevention, dental care and spay/neuter for community cats, Friends joins in the Shelter's effort to ensure every shelter pet is offered the best opportunity to find and remain in a loving forever home. In 2019, with the generous support of our animal-loving community, Friends provided \$239,558 in Shelter funding.

- Provided \$13,706 in collars with personalized I.D. tags adopted dogs and cats, to help reunite lost pets with their families more quickly. All adopted dogs received a leash too.
- In support of the Shelter's enrichment program, Friends provided \$1,447 toward the purchase of items to stimulate shelter pet's cognitive, social, physical and behavioral health.
- Funded medical treatment for 75 shelter pets, amounting to \$56,468, to save and improve quality of life, and promote adoption. This included medical treatment for 15 rabbits from a hoarding case.
- Provided over \$45,025 to fund spay and neuter surgeries for 671 community cats as part of the Shelter's Trap, Neuter, Return program.
- Funded dental care for 66 shelter pets, totaling more than \$45,216, to reduce pain, improve overall health, and promote adoption.
- Provided \$67,704 to fund the Shelter's comprehensive parasite prevention program that administers flea, tick, and worm prevention to all dogs, cats and rabbits upon Shelter intake. In 2019, the program treated:
  - 1,986 dogs and puppies
  - 1,600 cats and kittens
  - 228 rabbits
- Provided \$5,202 for 16 shelter pets to support the adoption and well-being of senior pets. This included funding medical exam to offer potential adopters a true health overview, and the provision of medications and other support for pets being fostered in the Shelter's Fospice program.
- Provided \$4,790 by supporting uniquely themed one-to four-day free or half-price adoption events throughout the year, which resulted in the adoption of 55 pets.
- The Spotlight program encourages donors to highlight a donor selected pet at the Shelter. Pets receive a special card and/or a Facebook post as well. Through this program 50 pets were highlighted.

## 2019 Financial Overview



## Our Success Is Their Success

### Thora



Thora is one lucky girl to have made her way to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter! This adorable little puppy came to the Shelter with a severe heart condition. Thora had what is called 'patent ductus arteriosus,' or 'PDA'. This condition means that a part of her heart that was supposed to close after she was born did not close properly. Without this important surgery, Thora was expected to have a short lifespan. We knew this spunky little girl had so much life ahead of her, so we reached out to the incredible network of animal-lovers for help!

Finnegan's Fund is a designated medical fund designed specifically for emergency medical cases like Thora's. This fund, in addition to others, helped raise over \$6,000 through Facebook for Thora's lifesaving surgery. Thank you to everyone who donated for her surgery and reached out about her health status, this special girl was adopted by her loving foster mom along with her sister, Tempe. You stole our hearts Thora, we are so glad you are thriving after surgery!

### Cinnamon

When sweet Cinnamon arrived at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, he was having some urinary issues that were causing him pain and discomfort. After being examined, it was determined that Cinnamon had urinary blockages causing him to not be able to urinate. In order to give Cinnamon the best life possible, Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter stepped in to fund a perineal urethrostomy, which is a surgery to reconstruct the urinary tube to decrease the chances of repeat urinary blockages.

The surgery was a success and Cinnamon healed up wonderfully in a foster home! Cinnamon will need to be on a urinary diet for the rest of his life, but this is affordable and his best bet in preventing any further issues. Cinnamon was adopted shortly after his procedure and went on to live a happy and healthy life!



Thank you for helping us make our work possible!